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Docket No. YAMAP0594USA

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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a [] Continuation [X] Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/128,121 Filed: August 3, 1998

Applicants: Yasumori HINO; Norio MIYATAKE; Tadashi NAKAMURA

(list all)

Title: HIGH DENSITY OPTICAL DISK. APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING

HIGH DENSITY OPTICAL DISK, APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING
OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK MASTER

<u>For Continuation or Divisional Apps only:</u> The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including the oath or declaration showing the original signature, as originally filed.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the latest inventor-signed prior application and that no amendments (if any) referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

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[x] Cancel in this application original claims 1-6 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.)

- 3. The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. Reel 9371 Frame 0544
- 4. A verified statement that this filing is by small entity:
 - [] is enclosed.
 - [] has been filed in the parent application (or an earlier application in a chain of copending applications under 35 USC 120) and such status is still proper and desired.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated below.

| | Number Filed | | Number extra | Rate | Fee |
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| Total claims | 3 | -20 | 0 | x \$18 | 0 |
| Independent claims | 1 | -3 0 x \$8 | | x \$80 | 0 |
| Multiple dependent claims (if any) \$270 | | | | | 0 |
| Basic Fee \$710 | | | | | \$710 |
| Total Filing Fee (large entity) | | | | \$710.00 | |
| Total Filing Fee (50% reduction for small entity, if applicable) | | | | | |

6. Payment

- [X] A check in the amount of \$\\$710.00 is enclosed.
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee in the amount of _ to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.
- 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.
- 8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 - --This is a [] continuation [x] division of copending application Serial No. 09/128,121 , filed August 3, 1998 .--
- 9. Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed under 35 USC §119:

| Serial No. | Filing Date | Country | |
|------------|-------------|---------|--|
| 9-210266 | 8/5/97 | Japan | |
| 9-210267 | 8/5/97 | Japan | |

| | | | | ch above identified foreign application(s) has been filed in prior U.S. 09/128,121 . |
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| 10. | Inventorship: | | | |
| | [] | and ap a chai | oproved n of cop | hip shown in the signed original oath or declaration has been changed during prosecution of the prior application (or an earlier application in bending applications under 35 USC 120) and a copy of the petition for nventorship under 37 CFR 1.48 is enclosed. |
| | [] | | | ication was filed by other than the inventor and a copy of all the petition nder 37 CFR 1.47 is enclosed. |
| | [] | applic delete | ation. In | on is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior accordance with 37 CFR 1.60(b), the Commissioner is requested to ame(s) of the following person(s) who is/are not inventor(s) of the ag claimed in this application: |
| 11. | The po | wer of a | attorney | in the prior application is to (Attorney, Reg. No.): |
| | Armar | nd P. B | oisselle | Reg. No. 22,381 |
| | [X] | The po | ower ap | pears in the original papers in the prior application. |
| | [] | | | ver does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the on is enclosed. |
| 12. | Addres | s all fut | ure con | nmunications to: |
| | | | | Mark D. Saralino RENNER, OTTO, BOISSELLE & SKLAR, LLP 1621 Euclid Avenue, Nineteenth Floor Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2191 |
| 13. | Other: | | [X] | An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed. |
| | | | [] | New formal drawings are enclosed. |
| | | | | Respectfully submitted, |
| Date: | May 3, | 2001 | | Mark D. Saralino Reg. No. 34,243 |
| 1621 | | venue, io 441 1-1113 | Ninetee | E & SKLAR, LLP [] Attorney or agent of record enth Floor [] Filed under §1.34(a) |